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--FOURTEEN PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED BY THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC) BETWEEN TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING MOST INCIDENT OCCURED IN THE CORPORATE AREA, INCLUDING:
--FIVE GUNMEN TRAVELLING BY CAR KILLED FOUR AND WOUNDED THREE IN SOUTH WEST ST ANDREW EARLY OCTOBER 28, BREAKING IN THE DOORS OF THREE HOUSES AND SHOOTING THE SLEEPING OCCUPANTS.

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-- A JDF MOTORCADE PASSING THROUGH A PNP AREA IN THE TELAWNY AREAS WAS STONED. THE JLP GROUP RESPONDED BY BEATING ONE OF THE ATTACKERS TO DEATH. TWO JLP SUPPORTERS WERE HOSPITALIZED.
-- MAN BELIEVE TO BE A JLP SUPPORTER DIED AFTER BEING TAKEN OFF THE BUS HE WAS ON IN ANNOTTT BAY BY A GROUP OF 20 MEN AND BEATEN AND STABBED.
--SECURITY FORCES KILLED A GUNMEN WHO OPENED FIRE ON THEM IN GOLDEN SPRING ST ANDREW.
- AN OFF DUTY POLICEMAN WAS SHOT DEAD IN ST ANDREW WEILE PLAYING DOMINOES.
- MEMBERS OF THE JAMAICAN CONSTABULARY FORCES ADDED BY SPECIALLY DEPUTIZED ASSISTANTS BEGAN TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AT 4:30 THIS MORNING AT EACH POLLING STATION. AREAS WHICH HAVE SEEN VIOLENCE WILL HAVE A STRONGER POLICE AND MILITARY PRESENCE. SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES

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WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE WEEKEND.
- A FRONT PAGE OCTOBER 30 DAILY GLEANER ARTICLE QUOTES JDF CHIEF OF STAFF NEISH AS SAYING HIS FORCES HAVE MADE PREPARATION TO COUNTER ANY ATTEMPT TO JAM THEIR COMMUNICATIONS TODAY. NEISH ADDED THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY JAMMING HAD BEEN ATTEMPTED, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT JAMMING EQUIPMENT HAD ARRIVED ON THE ISLAND.

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-- [redacted] THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE (JDF) HAS KEPTROUHGLY HALF OF ITS 2,700 PERSONNEL IN KINGSTON WITH REMAINDER CONCENTRATING ON THE WESTERN PARISHES AND TWO LIKELY TROUBLE SPOTS ON THE NORTH COAST(PORT MARIA AND MONTEGO BAY)
THE FIRST BATTALION DELOYED WEDNESDAY EVENING TO THE SOUTHWESTERN AND EXTREME WESTERN PARISHES. IT HEAD QUARTERS WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE SMALL TOWN OF SANTA CRUZ. ST ELIXABETH. ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES WEST OF MADEVILLE.
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THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS HEADQUARTER IN KINGSTON AT UP PARK CAMP. THE SECOND HAS WEST KINGSTON AND THE NORTH COAST AS ITS ASSIGNED AREA. AND THE THIRDIS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EASTERN HALF OF KINGSTON AND THE EASTERN PARISHES. SOME UNIT REASSIGNMENTS WERE NECESSARY, I.E. THE RESERVE RIFLE COMPANIES AT MONTEGO BAY AND PORT MARIA ARE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SECOND BATTALION.
THE JDF VIEWS THE SITUATION AS BEING UNDER CONTROL AS OF EARLY THIS MORNING. THERE WAS SOME EXCITEMENT AT UP PARK CAMP YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN GUNFIRE BETWEEN JLP AND PNP SUPPORTERS BROUGH A FEW STRAY ROUNDS INTO THE CAMP'S HOUSING AREA. NO ONE WAS HURT EXCEPT TWO GUNMEN WHO FLED THE SCENE AND TOOK REFUGE IN THE CAMP. THEY WERE ROUGHED UP AND ARE IN THE HOSPITAL.
ALL SOLDIERS ARE IN KHAKI UNIFORMS TO ALLOW IDENTIFICATION OF THE GUN MEN WHO RECENTLY HAVE BEEN SEEN IN GREEN MILITARY DENIN UNIFORMS. FOR WHAT EVER ITS PRACTICAL VALUE THIS TACTIC IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL SUCCESS, SHOWING THAT THE ARMY CAN COUNTER THE TACTITS OF THE TERRORISTS
--A MOTORCADE OF JLP CANDIDATE FOR SOUTH EAST ST ANDREW ALAN ISAACS WAS ATTACKED BY GUNMEN AT 4PM OCTOBER 29 ON MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD ALONG THE PERIMETER OF UP PARK CAMP. SECURITY FORCES RETURNED FIRE.
OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA WAS PRESENT DURING THE INCIDENT BUT IS NOT BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN A TARGET. THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE DETAINED SEVEN PERSONS.
-- ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES, FIVE POLICEMEN WERE SHOT, ONE OF WHOM WAS KILLED IN THE CORPORATE AREA OVER NIGHT. IN ONE INCIDENT A POLICE SQUAD CAR RAN INTO A POL (NOT A POLLSTER) WHILE TRYING TO AVOID TWO COWS.

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-- TWO POLICE BODYGUARDS ASSIGNED TO PNP GENERAL SECRETARY DK DUNCAN WERE ARRESTED OCTOBER 29 FOR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS.

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:
-- PRIME MINISTER MANLEY CONTINUED OCTOBER 29 TO CHARGE THAT THE HIGH-POWERED RIFLES WITH "SILENCERS" DISCOVERED AT THE MONTEGO BAY AIRPORT WERE INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OF ASSASSINATING HIM. A PNP STATEMENT CLAIMED THE SUSPECT AIRPLANE WAS OWNED BY A LEADING JLP ACTIVIST ATHOL CHIN. (A SENIOR JLP OFFICIAL TOLD US THIS WAS NOT TRUE; b (6)

JBC TELEVISION OCTOBER 29 STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD FLOWN FROM OPA-LOCKA "AIR FORCE BASE" IN FLORIDA, WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BAY OF PIGS AND WAS OPERATED BY THE U.S. ARMY. (IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM PNP DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY PAUL ROBERTSON ON THIS SUBJECT, EMBOFF TOLD ROBERTSON THAT OPA-LOCKA IS A LARGE GENERAL AVIATION AIRFIELD NEAR MIAMI WHOSE ONLY MILITARY

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ACTIVITIES ARE THE COAST GUARD AND THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.)
-- JBC/DAILY NEWS POLLSTER DEREK GORDON GOT IN HIS FINAL COMMENT ON POLLSTER CARL STONE OCTOBER 29. GORDON WAS SHOWN ON JBC NEWS BRIEFING FOREIGN REPORTS ON THE ERRORS OF THE LATEST STONE POLL, WHICH PREDICTED A MASSIVE JLP WIN.
-- THE PNP CANCELLED A LARGE ELECTION EVEN RALLY IN DOWN-TOWN KINGSTON.
-- JBC NEWS OCTOBER 29 RAN A SEGMENT FROM THE OCTOBER 24 KINGSTON PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE U.S. COMMITTEE OF JAMAICA SHOWING AN AMERICAN DISCUSSING AT LENGTH U.S. "OPPRESSION" OF THE BLACK POPULATION.

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-- EMBASSY OFFICERS COMING TO WORK THIS MORNING REPORT THAT THE MORE AFFLUENT SECTIONS OF THE CORPORATE AREA ARE VERY QUIET. THEY SAW POLLING STATIONS OPEN, AND SMALL CROWDS OF VOTERS ARE GATHERING TO VOTE. THERE IS VERY LITTLE TRAFFIC ON THE STREETS, AND BOTH PARTIES' HEADQUARTERS AND THE CUBAN EMBASSY WERE QUIET.

-- SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES AND BANKS ARE CLOSED IN THE CORPORATE AREA TODAY. GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE OPEN, WITH EMPLOYEES ALLOWED OFF TO VOTE, BUT FEW WILL BE DOING MUCH WORK.

-- [redacted] IN A MEETING WITH EMBOFFS OCTOBER 29, SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT MAJOR VIOLENCE ON ELECTIO EVE OR EARLY ON ELECTION DAY. VIOLENCE WAS MORE LIKELY LATER IN THE DAY IN MARGINAL CONSTITUENCIES WHERE A PARTY BELIEVING IT WAS AHEAD WANTED TO FORCE THE POLLS TO CLOSE EARLY. [redacted] SATISFACTION WITH PREPARATIONS BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND SAID HE ANTICIPATES A VERY LARGE TURNOUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE WAS EXTREMELY CONFIDENT OF A JLP VICTORY EVEN GREATER THAN HEHAD EXPECTED TWO WEEKS AGO.

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(COMMENT. ELECTION EVE BY ALL REPORTS PASSED MORE QUIETLY THAN WAS EXPECTED, AND IT APPEARS THAT JAMAICANS ARE STARTING TO VOTE IN AN ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL FASHION.)
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